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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 1/24/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27, 94-133 (Re-numbered as 1-67).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20070419.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Stephen Siu on April 19, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 6-7, 9, 15 and 23 have been amended as follows:

6. The computer-readable media of claim 1 wherein when a ~~slave~~-database object in the second subset dominates the associated ~~master~~-database object in the first subset, one of either the database object in the first subset or the database object in the second subset ~~slave or master database objects~~ is eliminated from the corresponding subset.

7. The computer-readable media of claim 1 wherein the partial order specification module inputs a partial order criterion comprising ~~partial order criterion comprises~~ a conjunction of one or more transitive inequality conditions.

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9. A method that selects a subset of database objects from a plurality of database objects having associated attributes comprising:

accessing two or more database objects from the plurality of database objects, wherein the database objects comprise database statements from a database workload;

inputting a partial order criterion for at least one attribute associated with the two or more database objects;

applying the partial order criteria to the two or more database objects to identify at least one master database object, the at least one master database object dominating at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects;

identifying a subset of master database objects that are dominated by at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects;

generating a subset of database objects including the identified master database objects dominating at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects minus the subset of master database objects that are dominated by at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects; and

outputting the generated subset of database objects.

15. One or more computer readable media having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for selecting a subset of a plurality of database objects having associated attributes, the instructions comprising:

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inputting a partial order criterion for an attribute to determine a master database object in the plurality of database objects that dominates at least one associated slave database object in the plurality of database objects, wherein the database objects comprise database statements from a database workload; and

applying the partial order criterion to the database object attributes to identify a first subset of database objects and a second subset of database objects in the plurality of database objects, the first subset including master database objects and the second subset including associated slave database objects;

eliminating all slave database objects that do not dominate their associated master database object from the second subset to obtain a modified second subset of database objects;

generating a third subset of the plurality of database objects including the first subset of database objects and the modified second subset of database objects;

and

outputting the third subset of the plurality of database objects.

23. An apparatus for selecting a subset of database objects from a plurality of database objects having associated attributes comprising:

at least one processor;

a component for accessing two or more database objects from the plurality of database objects;

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a component for inputting a partial order criterion for at least one attribute associated with the two or more database objects;

a component for applying the partial order criteria to the two or more database objects to identify at least one master database object, the at least one master database object dominating at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects, wherein the database objects comprise database statements from a database workload;

a component for identifying a subset of master database objects that are dominated by at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects;

a component for generating a subset of database objects including the identified master database objects dominating at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects minus the subset of master database objects that are dominated by at least one other database object in the plurality of database objects; and

a component for outputting the generated subset of database objects.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-27, 94-133 are allowed. (Re-numbered as 1-67)
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record do not teach the combination of the claimed elements including "combining the first subset of database objects and the third subset of database objects to generate the summarized workload" as recited in claim 1, nor "generating a subset of database objects including the identified master database objects dominating at least one other database object in the plurality of database object minus the subset of master

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database object that are dominated by at least one other database object in the plurality of database object" as recited in claims 9, 23, "generating a third subset of the plurality of database objects including the first subset of database objects and the modified second subset of database objects" recited in claims 15.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh B. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-4116. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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